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Regeneration in Load Bearing)	
Articulation Regions)	

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants hereby disclose the references listed below and identified on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the foreign references and articles identified below are enclosed regarding the above-identified patent application.

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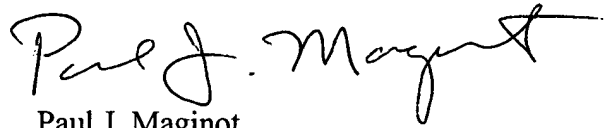
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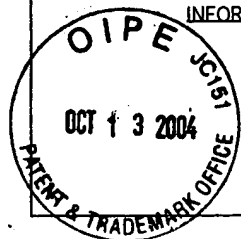
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